GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3926
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VOTING RIGHTS TO NRIS
KAILASH MEGHWAL

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give eligibility to NRIs for voting and contesting in the general elections, Lok Sabha elections and Vidhan Sabha elections; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Owing to practical and administrative difficulties, the proposal for grant of voting rights to non-resident Indians (that is, those who are not ordinarily resident in India) has not been found feasible.